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SUBJECT: TURKS TO PRESS UN ON USE OF ERCAN AIRPORT

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1. AT MY JAN 11 MEETING WITH HIM TO DISCUSS AGREEMENT ON
A MIXED COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE MISSING PERSONS CASES
(REFTEL), TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON SERVED NOTICE IN STRONG
TERMS THAT GOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS INTEND TO GET VERY
ROUGH WITH THE UN IN AN EFFORT TO COMPEL USE OF
TURKISH CYPRIOTS' "ERCAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT".

2. ONHON BEGAN BY NOTING FUROR WHICH HAD BEEN CAUSED BY WALDHEIM'S UNWILLINGNESS TO USE ERCAN FOR JAN 14-16 VISIT. I REMARKED THAT AS SYG, WALDHEIM MUST SUPPORT POSITIONS OF UN BODIES. ICAO DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ERCAN. ONHON REPLIED THAT ERCAN HAD BEEN ON ICAO LISTING IN 1976 BUT HAD BEEN WRONGLY REMOVED UNDER GREEK PRESSURE.

3. ONHON CONTINUED THAT WALDHEIM MIGHT GET AWAY WITH HIS REFUSAL TO USE ERCAN THIS TIME, BUT FOLLOWING HIS VISIT THE TURKS WILL GREATLY INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO FORCE THE UN INTO SOME USE OF ERCAN. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, A FAIR PROPORTION OF SPECIAL FLIGHTS EMPLOYED IN ROTATION OF UNFICYP CONTINGENTS MUST GO TO ERCAN. ONHON IMPLIED THAT FAILURE TO DO THIS WOULD BE ADDED REASON TO FORBID FURTHER UNFICYP OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS. SECONDLY, A NEW SYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO CYPRUS WOULD SOON BE APPOINTED. AS AN ESSENTIAL FUNCTION OF HIS MISSION, HE WOULD HAVE TO VISIT TURKEY SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING IN CYPRUS. HE WILL NOT BE RECEIVED IN ANKARA UNLESS HE USES ERCAN.

4. HAVING CONVEYED THESE THREATS, ONHON ASKED THAT THE UNITED STATES BE HELPFUL WITH UN REGARDING USE OF ERCAN. I REPLIED THAT I WAS SURE THIS WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION. I FORESAW VIRTUALLY NO POSSIBILITY OF GREATER RECOGNITION
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FOR ERCAN IN THE ABSENCE OF A CYPRUS SOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: ONHON REMARKS PRESAGE A SHARP HEATING UP OF ANOTHER CYPRUS CONTENTION.
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